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DIET.

At Hongkong, on Thursday morning the 2nd July, 1903, Mr. G. A. Toms, of a son, [161]

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 4th, 1903.

More than ordinary interest was felt in anticipation by the public yesterday in the proceedings at the Legislative Council meeting, the Share Bill being set down for its second reading, which it was thought would meet with some opposition. Contrary to expectation, the Bill passed its second reading unopposed, and the Committee stage was adjourned for a fortnight to allow time for any suggested amendments being sent in and considered. But though this meeting was not without its excitement, this came in the form of a brief and incoherent looking despatch which was formally laid on the table without comment. In a very few lines Lord Kew's report on the Government that Mr. Ma's Government had agreed to the appointment of Mr. Tso Tse-ling to be Consul at Hongkong for one year, "on the understanding that he should be 'on the' drawn at the end of that time if the appointment should be found not to work well." It is evident from the opening sentences of this despatch that there has been previous correspondence on the subject, and it is equally apparent that the suggestion has been opposed by the Governor. Other counsel have, however, prevailed, and, though in a somewhat doubtful manner, the Imperial Government have weakly given way. This question is one of the importance of which to Hongkong can hardly be exaggerated, and on which it certainly ought first to have been considered. We shall refer at length to the numerous considerations involved in this unprecedented step later; but cannot in this Colony, we imagine, be too anxious to see the inadvisability of allowing a Representative of the Emperor of China to reside here; and all we desire to do now is to suggest

that not a single day be lost in drawing up a memorial to the Emperor in person praying that her sanction to this appointment may be withheld if not already given, or withdrawn if granted.

Confirmation of the statement that the depression of which so much is heard at present is confined to the stock market and does not extend to the general trade of the Colony is found in the fact that the tonnage of the port continues to increase. The number of vessels entered during the six months ending 30th June was 2,052 of a tonnage of 2,486,570. Excluding the river steamers (684 vessels of 823,316 tons), these figures give an increase of 77-ships representing 113,903 registered tons. Of the increase 81 vessels of 58,116 tons belong to Great Britain, the total number of vessels entered under the British flag being 1,396 and the tonnage 1,756,370. Germany comes next with 368 vessels of 247,796 tons, then China with 144 vessels of 163,659 tons, the fourth on the list being France with 48 vessels of 71,576 tons. We are pleased to learn that the Chamber of Commerce is now supplied from the Harbour Office with a monthly return of the shipping entries, which enables the course of the trade to be watched more closely than when the annual report of the Harbour Master had to be waited for.

In considering the China tea trade it is not often that a ray of light is found to relieve the general gloominess of the picture. In his report on the trade of Foochow for 1890 Consul Phillips tells us that "taking all things into consideration the year under review has been more prosperous than the preceding one for the foreign merchant."

He has to add, however, that it has gone badly with the native tea brokers, the losses sustained by many of them having been very great. The total quantity of tea shipped from Foochow last season was 452,000 chests, as against 576,000 chests in 1889-90 and 536,000 in 1888-89. The quantity taken for the Australian market as well as that for London shows a large decrease, and the present season will no doubt see a further falling off. The reason that the last season proved comparatively profitable for the foreign merchant was that there was a short supply from India as well as from Hankow, a condition of things which is not likely to be repeated very often. The demand for tea of a common kind led to the shipment of a large quantity of tea many seasons old, and on the arrival of this tea in Melbourne a great quantity of it was at once condemned by the Customs Authorities as unfit for human food. As the Consul remarks, this must prove a heavy blow to the Foochow trade, which cannot at the present moment afford to have the quality of its tea called in question. The incident will doubtless give a further impetus to the growing demand for Indian and Ceylon teas in the Colonies.

It is satisfactory to find that in the Pukien tea districts some attention has at last been paid to the plant, the shrubs being properly trimmed and well attended to, with favourable results. The authorities are favourable to the fact that the Foochow tea are to hold their own against those of India and Ceylon more care must be paid to their cultivation and preparation, and they appear, Mr. Phillips says, to be ready to listen to any suggestion that promises to bring about an improvement in the trade. The most valuable suggestion that could be given them, but one which we are afraid they will not be willing to listen to, is that the export duty and lekin should be swept away *in toto*. This is the only course that can save what remains of the trade, for it is absolutely impossible for China to hold her own against her equally or more favourably circumstanced competitors while she continues to handicap herself with taxation to the extent of 25 or 30 per cent. To take measures for the improvement of the article is an excellent thing in itself; but what has been the cause of the deterioration in the quality? Mr. Phillips tells us there was a time when the Foochow teas were so well prepared that they retained all their good qualities for a season or two, but now they will hardly keep over one season without considerable deterioration. Under the pressure of the competition from India and Ceylon the producers have adopted the no doubt short-sighted policy of scraping the quality in order to make up for the taxation from which their rivals were free. Remove this crushing load of taxation and the farmers and others concerned in the industry would have more freedom to improve the quality of their tea.

Consul Gardner, in his report on the trade of Hankow for last year, enumerates the advantages Indian and Ceylon tea growers have over those in China as follows:—1st, greater command of capital; 2nd, facility of obtaining loan at a lower rate of interest; 3rd, freedom from *lekin*, *octroi*, and export duty; 4th, command of a better and cheaper labour market; 5th, command of chemical and agricultural knowledge; 6th, better acquaintance with tastes and requirements of purchasers; 7th, easier modes of transport; 8th, great access to countries that produce; 9th, enormous public works facilitating irrigation; in dry seasons and preventing floods in wet seasons; 10th, large size of tea estates; 11th, better cultivation. Against all these advantages of the Indian and Ceylon grower China, Mr. Gardner says, possesses one advantage, and that is, that the Chinese tea-grower, working for his own hand instead of for wages, brings often greater care and more industry to the task. Experience teaches the place of science, and he is able to produce a finer flavoured tea than has yet been produced in India. A noteworthy feature in the tea trade of 1890 has been that some of the Russian and British merchants at Hankow have sent skilled agents to the tea-farms in the interior to teach them how to select leaves and fire the tea, so as especially to suit the Moscow market. The crops thus produced have sold so well in Russia that Mr. Gardner anticipates that this year this operation will be extended. But it is only a question of time how soon the Russian tea trade will follow the example of the English trade and draw its supplies from India and Ceylon, which are already busily nursing the market. To concentrate attention on the

improvement of quality will not save the trade in China, for India and Ceylon are also every year the superiority of China in the matter of flavour is diminished. To free the trade from the burden of taxation is the only course China can adopt for her own salvation as a tea-exporting country; this done, improvement in the quality of the article would naturally follow the demand. At present the position of the Chinese tea producer is much the same as that of a tradesman in embarrassed circumstances who, being hard-pressed to make ends meet, cannot afford to improve the quality of his wares.

The P. & O. steamer *Verona* left Nagasaki for this port on the 2nd inst.

This Agent informs that the O. & A. steamer *Georgy* with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 18th inst., of Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama and will leave for this port tomorrow.

The Agents (Messrs. Simpson & Co.) inform us that the D. D. R. steamer *Lepid*, Capt. J. Forck, from Hamburg, left Singapore yesterday and may be expected here on or about the 11th inst.

Sugar growers in the Philippine Islands report that the *Strait Times*, over a telegram dated 24th inst., has been announcing that the best crop of sugar in the world has been destroyed by frost, and anticipate steady prices in consequence.

The Agents (Messrs. Dorell, Carill & Co.) inform us that the C. P. steamer *Empire* of Japan, sailed from Vancouver for Yokohama on Wednesday afternoon, the 1st inst., and that the *Empire* was delivered in New York on the 2nd inst.

Tomorrow morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch *Daywing*, carrying the *Bethel* flag, will accompany any vessel having orders to call on the company at 11 a.m. on the 11th inst. (St. James's Church), returning about 12.30.

Yesterday at the Police Court the master of a cargo boat was fined \$20 for unlawful possession of a quantity of rope, the property of the Rope Manufacturing Company. The rope was found on board the boat, which was found to be a ship and was afterwards found in defendant's boat.

The *Penny Gazette* says that the wreck of the *Rejoice* Broche is now presents an obstruction to navigation in Peking harbour, and that consequently the great bulk of the cargo, which has been removed, will be taken to the coast, where it will be stored in the early part of 1894, when outward bound.

Gambling cases are getting more scarce, but hardly a day passes without a few coming before the Magistrate. Yesterday there were two such cases. Sergeant Lums charged the men with gambling at Aberdeen, and the charge proved the two keepers of the gambling house were each fined \$25, the players being each fined \$5. The other case occurred at Kowloon, in which at the instance of Inspector Butler eleven men were each fined and each \$5 or fourteen days.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS"]

THE KAISER AND THE TEMPLE ALLIANCE.

The Emperor of Germany has announced continuance for six years of the triple alliance.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

A severe earthquake has occurred at San Francisco, causing a panic.

"DOROTHY" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

Willard's Opera Company produced *Dorothy* and Cellier's opera, "Dorothy," at the Theatre Royal on Thursday night. The body of the house was again well filled, but the circle appeared somewhat out of favour. The opera has probably a great deal to do with this. The prices in the Theatre have become almost an established rule here, and many people refuse to pay more than the usual tariff. However, that is of course Mr. Willard's business, and doubtless he considers he is but the judge of such matters. The production of *Dorothy* is a very fair and satisfactory one. The opera is replete with melodrama, and if the libretto might with advantage be stronger, more after all in what one expects in a popular production. The music is of the "Tully" type, and is very well adapted to the occasion. The Company again showed well in concerted pieces, most of which were received with much applause. The famous "Tully" opera was exceedingly well received, and at its conclusion the curtain had to be raised in answer to the enthusiastic applause and cheering of the audience. In the second act, *Agathe* was again the heroine, and she was well received. The scenery was fairly well received. The scenery, dresses, and stage effects were all of a high standard. The piece, however, would have done well with a more judicious selection of the prompter being frequently required.

Mr. Willard is improving slowly in style. His *Agathe* was well received, and in such a piece as *Agathe* he is considerably handicapped, as his success as he gains is only earned by hard work. Mr. Willard has not only a most pleasing voice, but he uses it with considerable ability. He has been more successful in his recent performances, and his success is due to his own efforts. Mr. Philip Verard's *Agathe* was a somewhat uneven performance. The first piece was too robust in build, and the second was too weak in tone for a few moments we were under the impression that the President of the B. M. O. A. had at the last moment undertaken to play the part of *Agathe*. The result was a disappointment, but the whole style was, presumably, unconsciously, a very striking copy of the worthy gentleman already mentioned in this column. Mr. Verard's *Agathe* was a very good copy of the worthy gentleman already mentioned in this column. Mr. Verard's *Agathe* was a very good copy of the worthy gentleman already mentioned in this column.

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HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday afternoon. There were present:—

His Excellency THE ACTING GOVERNOR, Mr. J. W. GOSNOLD, Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. J. LEACH, Acting Attorney-General, Mr. H. H. STEWART-LOCKHART, Registrar-General.

Mr. N. G. MITCHELL-JONES, Colonial Treasurer, Mr. S. BROWN, Surveyor-General, Mr. P. MYRRE, Mr. H. K. KAL, Mr. J. K. K. K.

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SHIPPING IN PORT.

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Queen Margaret, British steamer, 7,782, Wilmar, June 17, Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Palawan, British steamer, 1,069, Hagg, June 18
Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Talang, British steamer, 1,831, A. Jackson, June 7
Batforded & Swire
Doozie, British steamer, 938, Warwick, June 25
C. S. N. S. Co.
Tungchow, British steamer, 352, Whittle, June 25
Batforded & Swire
Whitcomb, British steamer, 1,100, Clegg, June 25
Batforded & Swire

NAGASAKI.

In Port on 17th June, 1891.
Akashi, Japanese steamer, 440, Tooten, June 16
M. B. Collier
Surya, Japanese steamer, 955, Edos, Mar. 16
Kossal-naru, Burge, 400, Christensen, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Yassa Kaisha
Kanagawa Maru, Jap. str., 1,240, R. Peckol
Mar. & Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Nigata-maru, Jap. str., 1,714, Arai, June 10
Nippon Yusen Kaisha

KOBE.

In Port on 23rd June, 1891.
Andrea, British ship, 1,341, Lookhart, Mar. 21
C. & Trading Co.
Benzon, British steamer, 1,138, Farguhar, Jan. 18
Corson & Co.
Benavosa, British steamer, 1,496, Thomson, June 17
Corson & Co.
St. David, French steamer, 1,620, Barclay, June 17
C. & J. Trading Co.
Killermaun, Brit. sh., 1,572, M. Callan, Mar. 30
C. & J. Trading Co.
Newstead, German steamer, 732, Koeneweg, J. 17
C. & J. Trading Co.
Shingwa-maru, Jap. str., 1,001, Motoki, Jan. 2
Nippon Yusen Kaisha
St. David, French steamer, 1,538, Frost, April 1
C. & J. Trading Co.
St. Oswald, British steamer, 1,781, Attie, Jan. 18
Midton Yusen Kaisha
Sussex, British steamer, 868, Kerg, June 17
Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Sury Wongva, Spanish str., 513, Vil, May 20
Fabor & Veigh
Pleasant, German ship, 2,383, Hamner, May 10
C. & J. Trading Co.

YOKOTA Y.M.

In Port on 20th June, 1891.
Calatonia, French steamer, 2,173, Dillan, June 18
Messageries Maritimes
City of Peking, Amer. str., 3,128, Saurle, June 18
Enphraites, British steamer, 1,700, Edwards, June 18
Samuel, Samuel & Co.
Suz, British str., 1,094, J. Watson, June 18
Geeva, Varder, German str., 1,830, Blakely
June 18, H. Abrams & Co., Nahti
Ipohise ite, German str., 1,900, Maglohy, J. 18-19
Simon, Swiss & Co.
Kob, British steamer, 1,388, Haswell, June 18
Nippon Yusen Kaisha
White Horse, British steam yacht, 307, Chalmers
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